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SUBJECT: NINE TURKEYS DIE OF H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA JUST IN  
TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

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11. On November 20, the National Institute for Public Hygiene in Cote d'Ivoire (INHP) confirmed results by the National Laboratory for Agricultural Development (LANADA) on November 17 of another instance of H5N1 Avian Influenza (AI) in Cote d'Ivoire. Culling began November 21, as 76 birds were slaughtered in and around the infected backyard poultry farms situated about 15 kilometers from Bingerville. The first turkey died from AI on November 9, and nine more followed within days. The last previous case of AI in Cote d'Ivoire had been reported in June (reftel).

12. After the investigation, launched on November 21, three people in close contact with the infected birds will be kept under surveillance for any symptoms of infection for the next two to three weeks. General surveillance in the district of Bingerville will result in reports made on a daily and weekly basis. Thus far, no human transmission of AI has been observed.

13. Post will continue to monitor the developing situation closely. Post point of contact for AI is Economic Officer Erfana Dar (225.22.49.4602).  
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